

LEGISLATIVE INQUIRIES.

THE STATION IN BATTERY-PLACE.

The Assembly Committee on Railroads, which was instructed recently to investigate the management of the public roads in this city, and more particularly the erection of an elevated railroad station in Battery-place, came to the city yesterday morning and visited the site of the station in question, in company with Dr. Jacob S. Freer, of the Manhattan Railroad Company. Dr. Freer explained to the committee the reasons why station at Greenwich-st., and Battery-place was thought necessary and gave a short history of the changes in the proposed routes from Greenwich-st. to South Ferry. After examining the junction of the elevated roads at South Ferry the committee disbanded.

At 2 p.m. the committee assembled to hear witnesses in the chamber of the Board of Aldermen. Thomas E. Benedict, of Ulster County, chairman of the committee, presided, and there were also present Alderman Malen of New-York; Dimick, of Orange; Nichols, of Greene; and Alderman Erwin, of St. Lawrence, Schenectady, of Cattaraugus, and Hoyt, of Lewis County. The first witness was Jordan J. Moore, of Albany, who was a member of the Transportation Commission. He could not say only a little of what the commission had done or what it was expected to do, and was not sure of what little he did remember. Dr. Freer, a counsel for the Elevated Railroad, gave a few questions and got a little information.

John Cunningham Olliff told the story of the attempts made by the Park Commissioners to prevent the construction of the station in Battery-place. He had suggested the Park Commissioners to have the elevated roads made as a station. He thought that the elevated building might be used as a station, and suggested to the Board which would, if acted upon, compel the elevated roads to be built. A resolution to that effect was introduced in the assembly, and was voted down.

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MR. BRITTON'S DIAMOND STORY.

The explosion of fire-crackers and a burst of Chinese delusions. In the same house ground, laundry took place in the presence of the reverend before the altar placed in one corner of the room, on which was a picture of three figures hideously drawn. The entire scene was repeated, Josie, on either side being the porters of Good and Evil. Each was a vessel of burning incense was placed, and it diffused an aromatic fragrance throughout the apartment. Candied fruits, nut, oranges, etc., were placed in dishes on the floor, the altar held a vase of flowers, and before the altar held their hands small in cans, fitted with little sticks, bearing quaint inscriptions. These were explained, prayer sticks, and shaking them up in the air, were represented the principal part of the devotions of the worshippers.

At the door of the Chinese laundry stood a number of laundrymen bearing tools to expel the evil spirit. They beat drums, sounded cymbals and pounded copper drums, keeping the noise up without regard to method or harmony. The white visitors circled around among the laundrymen, and the poor laundrymen went about familiarly. At 8 o'clock, a rope of direction was thrown from the tail-rope of the laundry and fired off, making a spectacle. Other explosions of the crackers followed, and later in the afternoon the celebration with the wives and guests partook of the feast. Our delicacy friends in the neighborhood cordially invited.

At **THIRTY-FOURTH STREET REFORMED CHURCH**, west of Broadway—Rev. W. H. VERNER, D.D., will preach at 11 a.m. The Rev. SAMUEL M. HAMILTON, D.D., will preach Lecture on Wednesday at 8 o'clock. Young people's meeting on Sunday at 8 o'clock.

At **Broadway**—Rev. J. T. TALMAGE will preach at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

At **Holmesdale Reformed Church**, West 71st-st.—Regular services since the reopening of the church conducted by Rev. L. A. R. MARTYN, Pastor, at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday school is completed.

At **Sixty-first Street Methodist Episcopal Church**, between 5th and 6th Streets, corner Madison and Lexington—Rev. J. H. PHILLIPS, D.D., will preach at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

At **Second Unitarian Church**, east Clinton and Congress-st., to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. JOHN H. COOPER, D.D., will preach at 10:30 a.m. "Things Necessary to Success."

At **Stock Hall**, No. 11 East 11th-st.—**ANDREW JACKSON DAVIS**, at 11 o'clock, will discourse on "Travels in the Holy Land." The public lecture will be given at 8 p.m.

At **American Renaissance Union**, Cooper Institute, Sunday afternoons, 3 o'clock. Addressed by Rev. R. F. DE COSTA, D.D., Doctor of Chirurgie, St. John the Evangelist, and Mr. SCOTT A. T. HARRIS, author of "The Human Soul." Prof. FISHER, concertist.

At **St. George's Church**, Madison and Lexington—Rev. J. EPHRAIM ROGERS, President.

At **Chickering Hall**, 5th-ave., corner 18th-st.—"Sermons to Men of the World" by the Rev. SAMUEL H. COOK, at 10:30 a.m. Sunday afternoon.

Subject to-morrow—"The Secret of Happiness" by Vice-Admiral R. B. Morris.

Also seats free. Invitation to all.

At **Free Gospel Service**, Gramercy Park Hall, 23rd-st. and 5th-ave.—Rev. J. H. COOPER, D.D., will conduct a Consecration Meeting at 4 o'clock.

At **Archie-West Presbyterian Church**, 123-st., between 5th and 6th-aves.—The Pastor, the Rev. JOHN H. PAXTON, D.D., will preach on Sunday, the 11th, at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

At **Second Presbyterian Church**, 14th-st., between 5th and 6th-aves.—Services to-morrow at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. The pastor, the Rev. M. MELVILLE HAMILTON, will preach.

At **All-Saints' Church** (Anthony Memorial), 48th-st., west of Madison—Rev. R. HENRY THOMAS will preach at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Seats free.

At **Central Methodist Episcopal Church**, 14th-st. and 5th-ave.—Rev. J. H. COOPER, D.D., will preach at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

At **St. James' Methodist Episcopal Church**, Madison and 5th-ave.—Preaching by Rev. WILLIAM H. BULLER, D.D., at 10:30 a.m. "Our Mission in North India" and at 7:30 p.m. "The Reformation in Mexico." A welcome to all.

At **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**, Madison and 5th-ave.—Rev. J. H. COOPER, D.D., will preach at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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